

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:  
receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;  
~~receiving, via the graphical control panel,~~ a selection of portions of data from files  
corresponding to each of said the plurality of spreadsheets;  
wherein the portions of data comprise results of a search within the plurality of  
spreadsheets; and  
executing automated consolidation of said the portions of data, wherein the automated  
consolidation comprises comprising:  
retrieving said the portions of data;  
generating at least one a final report spreadsheet;  
appending said the portions of data to said the at least one final report  
spreadsheet; and  
appending information identifying sources of the portions of data to said the at  
least one final report spreadsheet.
2. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, wherein the portions of data  
include further comprising receiving a selection of at least one workbook.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, wherein the portions of data  
include further comprising receiving a selection of at least one worksheet.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as in of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data further comprises receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of selecting at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file included in corresponding to said the plurality of spreadsheets.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as in of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data comprises the results of the search searching comprise results of a search for desired text within said the plurality of spreadsheets.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as in of claim 1, further comprising appending additional data to said at least one the final report spreadsheet, wherein the additional data that is not within said the plurality of spreadsheets.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as in of claim 1, wherein the search comprises further comprising storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search of one or more selected spreadsheets.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A software program for consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:~~

~~a spreadsheet selection procedure for receiving~~ receive ~~a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;~~

~~a data selection procedure for receiving, via the graphical control panel, receive a selection of first desired portions of data from one or more spreadsheets of said the plurality of spreadsheets via the graphical control panel;~~

~~a custom search procedure for executing a predefined search to identify second desired portions of data from one or more spreadsheets of said the plurality of selected spreadsheets via a predefined search; and~~

~~a final report spreadsheet generating procedure for generating generate at least one a final report[.] comprising appending desired the first and second portions of data from said plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report, and appending~~

~~information identifying sources of said desired portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~A Multiple multiple~~ spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:

a monitor;

a storage device; and

a controller, ~~the controller including for displaying a graphical control panel on said~~

~~monitor, said graphical control panel comprising: a spreadsheet selection area for receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets wherein said selection includes desired portions of data; a custom search module adapted to execute for executing a predefined search to identify desired portions of data; and~~

~~wherein the controller is adapted to:~~

~~display a graphical control panel on the monitor, the graphical control panel comprising a spreadsheet selection area to receive a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets, wherein the selection includes that include the desired portions of data;~~

~~said controller generating~~

~~generate at least one a final report spreadsheet;~~

~~appending append the said desired portions of data to the said at least one final report spreadsheet[.]; and~~

~~appending append information identifying sources of said the desired portions of data to said at least one the final report spreadsheet.~~

13. (Currently amended) ~~A The system as in of~~ claim 12, wherein the said spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A The system as in of~~ claim 13, wherein the said workbook selection area comprises a select all open workbooks selection.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

17. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 16, wherein the said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

18. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprising comprises a status indicator.

19. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprising comprises an event logger adapted to track for tracking generation of at least one the final report spreadsheet and reporting to report the said tracking to a user during generation of said at least one the final report spreadsheet.

20. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area further comprising comprises at least one a window to receive for receiving a the selection of said the plurality of spreadsheets and said at least one portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets.

21. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, further comprising storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search without selection of portions of data to be searched.

22. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of software program as in claim 10, further comprising computer executable instructions to a custom search development procedure to allow a user to define and store the predefined search. custom searches for use by said custom search procedure.

23. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the final report further comprises information identifying sources of the first and second portions of data in the final report.